

Amnat Charoen



Wat Tham Saeng Phet



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Wat Phra Lao Thep Nimit

Amnat Charoen

Amnat Charoen is part of lower Northeast region. The province acquires total area of 3,161 square kilometres. Its eastern boundary, at Amphoe Chanuman, is next to Mekong River. The community was firstly established during the reign of King Rama III of Rattanakosin some two centuries ago. Amnat Charoen has been part of Ubon Ratchathani until it was upgraded into province on December 1, 1993. Although it is a small and tranquil town, Amnat Charoen has various attractions distributing in different Amphoe. Visitors to Amnat Charoen can stroll around to witness sacred Buddha images, picturesque rice paddies and fruit orchards, rocky rapids of Mekong River in dry season, and excellent handicrafts particularly silk. Amnat Charoen is divided into 7 Amphoes including Mueang Amnat Charoen, Hua Taphan, Phana, Senangkhanikhom, Chanuman, Pathum Ratchawongsa, and Lue Amnat.

BOUNDARIES

- North : Connects to Amphoe Loeng Nok Tha of Yasothorn and Amphoe Don Tan of Mukdahan.
- East : Connects to Lao PDR, and Amphoe Khemarat, Kut Khaopun, and Trakan Phueta Phon of Ubon Ratchathani.
- West : Connects to Amphoe Loeng Nok Tha and Pa Tio of Yasothorn.
- South : Connects to Amphoe Mueang Ubon Ratchathani and Amphoe Muang Sam Sip of Ubon Ratchathani

HOW TO GET THERE

By car: From Bangkok, takes highway 1 and highway 2 to Nakhon Ratchasima. After that

take highway 226, Nakhon Ratchasima-Surin, then highway 214, Surin-Amphoe Suwannaphum, turn right into highway 202 via Yasothorn and Amphoe Pa Tio to Amnat Charoen. This route is totally 585 km. Or motorist can take highway 1, 2, then highway 226, Nakhon Ratchasima-Ubon Ratchathani, and highway 212 to Amnat Charoen. This route is 704 km. long.

By bus: Scheduled buses and air-conditioning coaches leave Bangkok Bus Terminal (Chatuchak), Kamphaeng Phet 2 Road, for Amnat Charoen daily. For more information, call Tel. 0-2936-2852-66 or visit www.transport.co.th Tourist who travels by plane or train can head for Ubon Ratchathani first, then take bus to Amnat Charoen, 75 km. away.

Distance from Amphoe Mueang to other Amphoes

Lue Amnat	22 kilometres
Pathum Ratchawongsa	32 kilometres
Hua Taphan	35 kilometres
Phana	47 kilometres
Chanuman	78 kilometres
Senangkhanikhom	81 kilometres

ATTRACTIONS

Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen

Buddha Park and Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang (พุทธอุทยาน และพระมงคลมิ่งเมือง)

The park and the Buddha images are located at Khao Dan Phra Bat, Tambon Bung, on highway 212, some 3 km. from Amnat Charoen city. This base rock area is shady with different kinds of vegetables decorated under the theme of 'Buddha Park'. Inside, a huge Buddha image, Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang or Phra Yai, is placed in front of the temple.

Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang, the Buddha



Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang

image in the attitude of Subduing Mara. Designed by Chit Buabut in 1965, the 20 m. tall Buddha image was built in Northern Indian style, by steel reinforced concrete over the old one and decorated with golden mosaic. This beautiful Buddha image is now logo of Amnat Charoen province.

Back of Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang, there are two Buddha images in weird shape. They are named Phra Lahai, or Phra Khilai by the locals, which means 'not beautiful'. These ancient Buddha images are found in 1962 during construction of the pond's bank. However, the locals believe they bring good luck and always come to worship.

Phuttha Utthayan Reservoir (อ่างเก็บน้ำพุทธอุทยาน)

is situated opposite the Buddha image, Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang. It is an important source of water for agriculture and fishery, as well as a recreational place for the local people. There are many places to stay around the reservoir.

Wat Samran Niwet (วัดสำราญนิเวศ)

situated at 14 Mu 6, Chayangkun Road, houses the Phra Sangkatchai image measuring 6 metres wide across the lap and 10 metres high, made from reinforced concrete with cement plastered on the surface and decorated with tiles. It is believed that one who pays homage to the image will build knowledge, thereby, be intelligent and be reborn in the Phra Si Ariya Mettrai or Maitreya era.

City Pillar Shrine (ศาลหลักเมือง)

is located in the Public Park, Suan Ming Mueang Chaloem Phra Kiat, on Chayangkun Road. It was built from an auspicious tree called Ton Khun or Ratchaphruek (golden shower tree). The perfect trees were selected from Suan Tako Thong in Amphoe Mueang Nakhon Ratchasima. The shrine is where the city guardian spirit stays, and also serves as the spirit centre of the people of Amnat Charoen.

Chitsakon Farm (สวนเกษตรจิตตสันต์)

Located close to Chitsakon Resort, the famous farm features flower and beautiful plants. Its huge plantation of African marigold always turn the whole field into bright yellow hue when in full bloom. Visitor to the farm can join activities such as taking care of the plantation or cut flowers. For more details please call Tel. 0 4551 1500 or visit www.chitsakonflowerland.com



City Pillar Shrine

Wat Tham Saeng Phet (วัดถ้ำแสงเพชร)

located in Tambon Nong Masaeo, where its name, Tham Saeng Phet came from the sparkling rocks when reflecting from the sunlight, which makes it look like the sparkles of diamonds. In the temple's compound, there is a large cave, enshrining a Buddha image with beautiful characteristics and a Buddha in a posture of accepting offerings from an elephant and a monkey. This temple is the meditation practice centre of the fifth branch of Wat Nong Pa Phong under the Phra Achan Cha Suphattho School. *To get there:* Take the Amnat Charoen - Khemarat route, which is 18 kilometres from the main town, then follow highway no. 202 until reaching Km. 64-65, make a left turn for 5 kilometres, the temple will be on the left.

Wat Si Yaek Saeng Phet (วัดสี่แยกแสงเพชร)

2.3 kilometres away from Wat Tham Saeng Phet on the way up a hill (the entrance is opposite to Huai Si Tho Reservoir's entrance), has spacious areas and comprises a Luangpu Cha Suphattho's stupa and a reclining Buddha image (Phra Phuttha Phothiyan Phatthara Maharat), which was exquisitely built according to the design of H.R.H. Prince Damrong Rajanupab.

Huai Si Tho Reservoir (อ่างเก็บน้ำห้วยสีโท)

is mainly used for agricultural purposes. Located 15 km. from town, the reservoir originates from two mountain ranges, featuring a deep basin. Having a pleasant atmosphere both in the morning and evening, the reservoir serves as a recreational place for the people of Amnat Charoen. *To get there:* Take the Amnat Charoen-Khemarat route, the same one to Wat Tham Saeng Phet. The reservoir is 2 km. from Wat Tham Saeng Phet.

Phu Sing - Phu Pha Phueng Forest Park

(วนอุทยานภูสิงห์-ภูผาผึ้ง)

is located at Mu 7, Ban Ba Charoen, Tambon Sang Nok Tha. The Park covers an area of approximately 8,000 rai, which features a stone mountain in the area of the Pa Dong Hua Kong Dong Bang I National Forest Reserve in Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen and Amphoe Pathum Ratchawongsa. *To get there:* Take the Amnat Charoen - Pathum Ratchawongsa route for 20 km., then turn left to Ban Ba Charoen, and continue for 4 km. to reach the Park's headquarters.

Places of Interest

Lan Khwai Tu (ลานควายตุ๋)

is unusual sandstone formations formed naturally on a large stone ground, as the result of erosion by wind and water.

Tao Hin (เต่าหิน)

is an approximate 10-metre wide stone yard having a shape like a soft-shelled turtle situated on the yard.

Currently, there is a Forest Park officer's guest house with 3 bedrooms and 2 restrooms. Guests will pay 1,500 Baht for the maintenance fee. Seven tents for rent are available at 50-100 Baht, which can accommodate 2-4 persons each. The total area can accommodate 200 - 300 visitors. For reservations, please contact Mr. Prasit, Head of the Forest Park at Tel. 08 7199 4874.

Wat Rasiyaram (วัดราษีไรราม)

is located at Ban Kai Kham, Mu 13, Tambon Kai Kham. The temple houses the Laotian art style ordination hall in a rectangular shape of 2.4 metres wide and 4.2 metres long, which was built between 1925-1928 for the value of 121 Baht. *To get there:* Take highway no. 212 (Amnat Charoen - Ubon Ratchathani) for 5 km., once

reaching Ban Kai Kham, make a right turn onto a small road. The temple will be in a sub-lane on the left.

Wat Si Pho Chai (วัดศรีโพธิ์ชัย)

is situated in Ban Pla Khao. The ubosot of the temple enshrines Phra Si Phochai, a Buddha image in the posture of subduing Mara, lacquered and gilded with a measurement of 1.5 metres wide across the lap and 1.2 metre high. Built in 1935, the Buddha image is highly respected by the local people. It is believed that anyone who pays homage to the Buddha will succeed in education and career. *To get there:* Take highway no. 212 (Amnat Charoen - Ubon Ratchathani) and make a left turn for about 18 km.

Wat Dong Thao Kao Archaeological Site (แหล่งโบราณคดีวัดดงเต่าเก่า)

located in Ban Nong Ruea, Tambon Na Mo Ma, is where many carved boundary markers or Sema were found. Those Sema were carved into bas-relief of flowers and a pot with the upper parts carved into a circle shaped like the Dhammacakka - Wheel of Doctrine, dating during the 7th-8th century. Also a sandstone Buddha image from the late Dvaravati era was found. *To get there:* Take the Amnat Charoen - Yasothon route to the intersection to Amphoe Hua Taphan, make a right turn for 2 km., the temple will be in the right lane.

Huai Pho Reservoir (อ่างเก็บน้ำห้วยโพธิ์)

is 6 kilometres away from town by following the Amnat Charoen - Yasothon route, and making a right to the same way to Lilavadi Resort. It is a reservoir for agriculture. Built during 1953-1956, the reservoir was an earthen dyke blocking the Huai Pho Creek, a branch of Lam Se Bok, on the upper and lower parts, measuring 810 metres

long covering an area of 1,319 rai. The area has a shady atmosphere.

Wat Tham Saeng Kaeo (วัดถ้ำแสงแก้ว)

enshrines Phra Phuttha Barami Rattana Mani Saeng and where a hermit named Luangpu Ruesi Borommakot lived. It is believed that this area is a gate to the underwater world of the King of the Naga. *To get there:* Take highway no. 202 (Amnat Charoen - Pathum Ratchawongsa), make a turn to a small road that is opposite to a checkpoint of the Pla Khao provincial police station and continue on for about 6 km.

Amphoe Lue Amnat

Wat Pho Sila (วัดโพธิ์ศิลา)

is located in Ban Pueai Hua Dong, Tambon Pueai. Objects of interest are the Bai Sema or boundary stones of the Dvaravati period. Among them is a large one made of white sandstone dating back more than 1,000 years; it was built around 657-757 in the Prei Kmeng style of ancient Khmer art. The boundary stone has a long tapering shape similar to a blunt spear with a narrow waist and lotus base. The axis part from above the lotus base was carved



Wat Pho Sila

into a relief of a miniature stupa or spire of a stupa, featuring a pot of plenty on top of an overturned bell, which supports a tapering finial with rings in the middle. An upturned 3-lobed leaf motif forms a base for a half-flower pattern inside 3 connected curves, with a pointed pinnacle decorated with floral tassels. The lotus pattern at the base was influenced by the lotus base of a Buddha image or a Dhammacakka - Wheel of the Doctrine - of the Dvaravati art in Central Thailand. The motif of a half-flower inside 3 connected curves is similar to those featured inside connected curves in between 2 angels in adoration facing the centrepiece on the lintel unearthed from the eastern entrance of the northern prang tower of Prasat Khao Noi Si Chomphu, Amphoe Aranyaprathet, Sa Kaeo province. *To get there:* From Amphoe Lue Amnat, take highway no. 212 and make a turn to highway no. 2134. The temple will be on the left side.

Sema Wat Pa Rerai (เสมาวัดป่าเรไร)

is one of the most numerous clusters of boundary markers found in the Northeastern region. These Sema are made of laterite with less carving; however, they were made into a Sema shape with overturned and upturned lotus pedestals, including a ridge which looks like the upper part of a stupa in the middle of the Sema. There are also traces of laterite and brick building construction, and carved pictures of two parrots which had never been found in other Sema stones. Therefore, it was assumed that they were moved from Wat Pho Sila boundary markers. In addition, some potsherds were found immensely scattered nearby, which possessed a Kan Khot pattern.

Phrachao Yai Luechai (พระเจ้าใหญ่ลือชัย)

located at Mu 4, Tambon Amnat, is a principal

Buddha image in a subduing Mara posture in an ubosot of Wat Amnat. The Buddha was made of bricks and mortar and lacquered and gilded in the Lanchang art style with a measurement of 2.2 metres wide across the lap and 3 metres high. It was built approximately between 1847-1850 at the same time as Phra Lao Thep Nimit, Amphoe Phana, and Phra Rot, Wat Phra Rot, Amphoe Muang Sam Sip, Ubon Ratchathani. At that time, Phra Amon Amnat, Phrakhru Bandit, Phra Sangkhathikan, including other monks and the general public joined hands to make a ceremony of marking a territory for a temple, laying boundary marking stone balls or Luk Nimit, and building a principal Buddha image named "Phra Rit Luechai" or "Phrachao Yai Luechai". It is believed that anyone who pays homage to the Buddha will succeed, defeat their enemies, have powers and overcome any obstacles in their lives. *To get there:* It is 2 km. from Amphoe Lue Amnat. Follow highway no. 2134, the temple is on the right hand.

Amphoe Hua Taphan

Ban Kham Phra Handicraft Centre

(ศูนย์จำหน่ายหัตถกรรมบ้านคำพระ)

The centre is located at 106 Mu 3 Ban Kham Phra, on Hua Taphan-Amnat Charoen highway, 5 km. from Amphoe Hua Taphan. The centre offers various handicrafts made by housewife. "Khit", hand woven cloth with delicate pattern, and handicrafts made from the beautiful fabric are available. Tourist can watch the production demonstration and enjoy great selection of the products. For more information, contact Tel. 08 7876 4851.

Phrachao Yai Si Charoen (พระเจ้าใหญ่ศรีเจริญ)

installed in an ubosot of Wat Phra Si Charoen, Tambon Phra Si Charoen, is a Buddha image

seated crossed legged with one leg resting on the other in a subduing Mara posture, made of bricks and mortar and lacquered and gilded with a measurement of 1.3 metres wide across the lap, and 2 metres high. This Buddha is considered as a sacred image of the province. On the 8th and full moon days of the waxing moon of the 4th lunar month, a festival will be held annually for paying homage to Phrachao Yai Si Charoen. *To get there:* From Ban Kham Phra, the temple will be on the right before arriving at Amphoe Hua Taphan.

Community Products Centre (ศูนย์แสดงและจำหน่ายผลิตภัณฑ์ชุมชน)

located at Mu 7, Tambon Rattanawari, Hua Taphan-Ban Khamin Road close to the Chaopho Pha Daeng Shrine next to the Tambon Hua Taphan Municipal Office, is a centre of showing and trading products, which includes teaching knowledge of handicraft skills to a group of housewives in the municipal area of Tambon Hua Taphan. Products for sale are scarves, Khit woven cloth, and Khit pillows in various shapes. Open daily between 8.00 a.m. - 5.00 p.m. For further information, call Tel. 08 1874 1158.

Wihan Luangpu Khao Analayo (วิหารหลวงปู่ขาวอนาลโย)

situated at Wat Bo Chaneng, it was built during 1919 - 1925 with bricks and clay plastered according to the local wisdom while the roof was made of baked clay tiles. The Wihan was built for monks' activities during the time that Luangpu Khao resided here. When coming inside the Wihan, visitors can feel cool and comfortable. *To get there:* From Amphoe Hua Taphan at the Pu Daeng Shrine, make a left for 5 km., the temple will be on the left.



Ban Sang Tho Nok Royal Folk Arts and Craft Training Centre

Nong Sam Kha (หนองสามखा)

a big swamp full of colourful lotuses, is a place for various species of waterfowls conservation; for example, Chinese pond heron, egret, and other waterfowls. In addition, the swamp is used for holding ceremonies and activities; such as, the Loi Krathong Festival and releasing fish. *To get there:* Take highway no. 2210 on the route along Amphoe Hua Taphan.

Ban Sang Tho Nok Royal Folk Arts and Craft Training Centre (ศูนย์ศิลปาชีพบ้านสร้างถ่อนอก)

Located 5 km. from Amphoe Hua Taphan, the centre offers training course on various local crafts such as weaving and gems cutting. Tourist can enjoy witness the production process and wide selections of products. Please call in advance at Tel. 08 1976 5636, 08 9286 9141, 08 8350 9458.

Ban Pa Dong Yai Open Zoo (สวนสัตว์เปิดเฉลิมพระเกียรติ บ้านป่าดงใหญ่)

covering an area of 32 rai among the area of the community forest of Tambon Sang Tho Noi, is the only community forest that still remains abundant of Amphoe Hua Taphan. The Zoo is

under the administration of the Tambon Sang Tho Noi Administrative Organisation. There are a lot of animals to see; such as, boars, hares, turtles, deer, and monkeys. It also offers visitors to see the scenery around the Dong Yai Forest with a view from the towers inside the zoo. Open daily from 8.30 a.m. to 5.00 p.m. Admission fee: 10 Baht for Adult, and 5 Baht for children. For more information, please call Tel. 08 0724 7955.

Amphoe Phana

Wat Phra Lao Thep Nimit (วัดพระเหลาเทพนิมิต)

Situated on highway 2134, 2 km. from Amphoe Phana, the temple has Lanna-style chapel which houses the principle Buddha image "Phra Lao Thep Nimit". Built in 1720, the Buddha image, in subduing Mara attitude decorated by gold leaves, is considered the most beautiful Buddha image of Northeast Region. The art style mirrors Laotian art style from Vientiane which is influenced by Lanna during the 16th-17th Century. The Buddha image was probably built a bit after such period, assumed from appearance of local art style such as face pattern, higher flame over the head, lap and feet which are similar to art style found in wooden and bronze Buddha statue from the 18th -19th Century.

Wat Chaiyatikaram (วัดไชยติการาม)

is located in Ban Phon Mueang, Tambon Mai Klon. This temple houses a 55 cm.-high bronze Buddha image seated cross-legged in the attitude of subduing Mara. The image is in the Lao-styled category by Vientiane craftsmen, and comparable with the Buddha images in the posture of subduing Mara in the gallery of Ho Phra Kaeo, Vientiane, and the Buddha image at Wat Wichun, Luang Prabang, which were dated

back to the late 22nd Buddhist century and 23rd Buddhist century.

Dong Ling Don Chaopu Park (อุทยานดงลิงดอนเจาปู่)

is a place of worship for the local people since it is the location of the Pu Ta (Phran Thi Phran Thong) Shrine. The Park is situated on an area of 260 rai of mixed deciduous forest. There are Buddha images in the postures of Baby Buddha, gaining enlightenment, giving the first sermon, and entering nirvana. It is also home to many kinds of animals, especially crab-eating macaques. *To get there:* The Park is located to the south of Ban Phana. Travel past the front of the Municipal Market, then turn right and continue for about 1 km. The Park will be on the left-hand side, 40 km. from the provincial town.

Amphoe Senangkhanikhom

Phu Sa Dok Bua (ภูสระดอกบัว)

located in the Phu Sa Dok Bua National Park, is a mountain with an altitude of 423 metres covering 3 provinces: Amphoe Senangkhanikhom, Amphoe Chanuman, Amnat Charoen province, Amphoe Nikhom Kham Soi, Amphoe Don Tan, Mukdahan province, and Amphoe Loeng Nok Tha, Yasothon province. At the peak of Phu Sa Dok Bua, there are 11 basins each with a size of 2-3 metres wide, filled with water all year round. The ponds are full of several small kinds of water lilies and it will get more beautiful when these water lilies are blossoming in which the name of "Phu Sa Dok Bua" (the water lily pond mountain) came from. For interested persons, it is recommended to go via Amphoe Don Tan, Mukdahan province, for their convenience. Please contact the Phu Sa Dok Bua National Park Office, Mukdahan, for information in advance at Tel. 04261 9077, or the Department

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of National Parks, Wildlife and Plant Conservation at Tel. 0 2562 0760, www.dnp.go.th, or the Forest Bureau, Mukdahan province at Tel. 0 4261 1757.

Amphoe Chanuman

Mekong River's Scenery (จุดชมทิวทัศน์ริมโขง)

Amphoe Chanuman has 38 km. long border is attached to the mighty Mekong River which craves impressive scenery. In front of Tambon Chanuman Municipality Office, long footpath running side by side with the river allows people to enjoy the view. In dry season, from February to May, water in Mekong River descends, and allows islands to appear.

Kaeng Tang Lang (แก่งต่างหล่าง)

is located in Ban Si Sombun, Si Samran Road, Tambon Chanuman, 80 km. from the provincial town and one km. from the district town. "Tang Lang" is a local dialect, describing the shape of a container which is wide and shallow. Therefore, Kaeng Tang Lang features like a bowl or basin. It really is uneven laterite rock formations lying by the Mekong River. During the rainy season, the swollen river floods the rocks, but a very scenic scene of the rocks can be viewed in the dry season; it is an ideal place for visiting and recreation.

Kaeng Hin Khan (แก่งหินขັນ)

is located in Ban Hin Khan, in the middle of the Mekong River next to the Thai-Laotian border, 12 km. to the south of the district town. Here, lines of rocks, which were created by erosion of the current for many thousands of years, feature like a footed tray or small water container. Visitors both Thais and foreigners come to see its beauty. This area is also a marketplace of fish caught from the Mekong River, which creates much income for the people of Chanuman.

Namtok Tat Yai (น้ำตกตาดใหญ่)

located between Ban Na Ngam and Ban Hin Kong, is a beautiful two tiered cascade with a measurement of 2.5 metres high and 50 metres wide in each tier standing across Huai Thom Creek. At the lower level, it is a sandy area surrounded with natural forest on both sides.

To get there: From Amphoe Chanuman, go past Ban Hin Khan along highway no. 2034 and make a right turn for 13 km. passing Ban Kham Nok Kok, Ban Na Ngam, and Ban Hin Kong.

Namtok Tat Khan Thae (น้ำตกตาดคันทะ)

located near Namtok Tat Yai, was named after the Khan Thae Creek with a measurement of 20 metres wide and 3 metres high. A cave under the waterfall can be accessible for relaxing.

Amphoe Pathum Ratchawongsa

Phrathat Pathum Ratchawongsa (Phrathat Yai Na Pa Saeng) (พระธาตุปทุมราชวงศา หรือพระธาตุใหญ่นาป่าแซง)

situated in Wat Suthikawat, Tambon Na Pa Saeng, was built in 1977 by Phrakhru Suthi Patthanaphon, a student of Phra Achan Man Phurithatto. The base of the stupa is 7.55 metres wide, 7.7 metres long, and 31 metres high made of bricks and mortar and decorated with designs and colours. The stupa enshrines the Buddha's relics. It is believed that anyone who pays respect to the Phrathat is similar to that they pay respect to Phrathat Phanom (a famous stupa in Nakhon Phanom) as well, and the wishes they ask for will be fulfilled; their powers will be strong, and they will be respected by the general public. The Phrathat worshipping ceremony is held annually on the full moon day of the 3rd lunar month.

To get there: Take the Amnat Charoen - Pathum Ratchawongsa route, make a right turn to Ban

Na Pa Saeng past Wat Udon Mongkhon and the Ban Na Pa Saeng School, then make a left and go straight for 8 km. until reaching a junction, make a right to Amphoe Phana, the temple will be on the left.

Wat Pa Dan Kwian Lan (Wat Pa Si Wichai Suwannaram) (วัดป่าด่านเกวียนลั่น หรือวัดป่าศรีวิชัยสุวรรณาราม)

located at Mu 7 Ban Don Nok Yung, Tambon Kham Phon, enshrines Phra Phuttha Watthanat Satsada, a Buddha image in a giving blessing posture with a measurement of 16 metres wide across the lap. The temple also houses a reclining Buddha image, a Buddha carved on a cliff, and an octagonal shape pavilion enshrining a lot of Buddha images in various postures and boundary markers. *To get there:* Take the Amnat Charoen - Pathum Ratchawongsa route, which is attached to Amphoe Khemarat, Ubon Ratchathani province.

LOCAL PRODUCTS AND SOUVENIRS

Village of Reed Mat Weaving (Khit de-sign) Ban Na Mo Ma (หมู่บ้านทอเสื่อกก (ลายขีด) บ้านนาหมอม้า) Tambon Na Mo Ma, Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen. Contact Ms. Nim Nualkhao, Head of the group, Tel. 08 7879 3978.

Producers and Traders Group of Pueai Hua Dong Silk (กลุ่มผู้ผลิตและจำหน่ายผ้าไหมเปื่อยหัวดง) 43 Mu 10, Tambon Pueai, Amphoe Lue Amnat (opposite Wat Amphawan), Tel. 0 4527 2295.

Chongrak Mai Mue (จงรักษ์ ไหมมือ) 21 Mu 10, Tambon Chan Lan, Amphoe Phana, Tel. 08 7256 1156.

EVENTS & FESTIVALS

Amnat Charoen attach their lifestyle to local tradition and festivals that are held throughout year such as festival to mark the end of Buddhist's Lent, Rocket festival, Loi Krathong, and Songkran for example. Moreover, they practice 14 moral regulations such as cleaning feet before getting inside the house, donating food to the monk, avoiding to step of monk's shadow, paying respect to the parent, paying homage to the Buddha image with flower, candle and joss stick, and learning Dhamma everyday and etc. Amnat Charoen is well known for its silk products. The famous silk production bases include Ban Chan Lan and Ban Soi of Amphoe Phana, Ban Pueai, Ban Hua Dong, and Ban Nam Thuam of Amphoe Lue Amnat.

Most people in Amphoe Chanuman are descendant of Phu Thai ethnic group that migrated from Lao. They specialise in weaving "Khit" cloth which has unique patterns. Their traditional musical performance "Mo Lam" always support the democratic constitutional monarchy. Amnat Charoen people is trying to retain "Long Khuang" tradition. The traditional once was meeting time between teenagers to do activities together such as weaving or silk spinning, among lively traditional music.

Boat Race Tradition (ประเพณีการแข่งขันเรือยาว)

Held every November, the boat race is a big tournament for boat from Amphoe Khemarat of Ubon Ratchathani, Amphoe Chanuman of Amnat Charoen, and Lao PDR. The race takes place in Mekong River, in front of Amphoe Chanuman's office. The tourists can enjoy the race at day and shopping and entertainment at night.

Bun Khun Lan Festival (ประเพณีบุญคูณลาน)

held annually in January in Amphoe Lue

Amnat, is a rice spirit-warming welcome and merit making, which is an original tradition of Isan or the northeastern people. The Festival features the way of life of Isan, Bai Si Su Khwan (rice spirit-warming welcome), and other interesting activities.

INTERESTING ACTIVITIES

Golf Course

Ming Mueang Golf Course (สนามกอล์ฟมิ่งเมือง) is located in the area of the **Mobile Development Unit 51** (หน่วยพัฒนาการเคลื่อนที่ (นพค.) ๕๑) on Chayangkun Road, Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen. This nine-hole golf course has a clubhouse and restaurant. Green fees are 60 Baht weekdays, and 80 Baht at weekends and holidays. The caddy fee is 60 Baht. For more information, contact Tel. 0 4545 2142. *To get there:* Take highway 212 on the Amnat Charoen - Mukdahan route for 8 km. from town.

Homestay

Ban Pla Khao Homestay (Mo Lam Village) (โฮมสเตย์บ้านปลาค้าว หมู่บ้านหมอลำ) is located at Mu 10, Tambon Pla Khao, Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen. Here all guests will be welcomed with a long drum parade, a rice spirit-warming welcome ceremony, Mo Lam Klon, Mo Lam Folk Song, and Mo Lam Sing Performances. Visitors will have a traditional Pha Laeng dinner, and see the community way of life. The service fee is 700 Baht per person, 1,500 - 2,500 Baht for the performance. Visitors will pay 100 Baht/night for staying only and 70 Baht for a meal each. For more information, please contact Mr. Reanchai Photharin, Tel. 08 1878 7833 Fax: 0 4554 3109.

EXAMPLES OF TOUR PROGRAMMES

- 08.30 hrs. - Leave the hotel.
- 09.00 hrs. - Arrive at the Chitsakon Flowerland. See fields of marigold and join the agricultural demonstration activities.
- 10.00 hrs. - Depart for Wat Tham Saeng Phet. Have a Dharma talk and see the beautiful nature at the temple.
- 11.00 hrs. - Proceed to Wat Phra Lao Thep Nimit, Amphoe Phana. Pay homage to the Buddha image, Phra Lao Thep Nimit.
- 12.30 hrs. - Lunch in Amphoe Phana.
- 13.30 hrs. - Depart for Amphoe Hua Taphan. See the production process of handicrafts at the Ban Sang Tho Nok Arts and Crafts Centre.
- 15.00 hrs. - See and buy local handicrafts at Ban Kham Phra.
- 16.00 hrs. - Back to Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen. Pay homage to the Buddha image, Phra Mongkhon Ming Mueang at the park, Phuttha Utthayan.
- 18.00 hrs. - Dinner.

Travel Agents

Si Sa-ang Tourism (ศรีสงวงศ์ การท่องเที่ยว) Arun Prasoe Road, Tel. 0 4546 5141.

FACILITIES IN AMNAT CHAROEN

Accommodations

(The room rates mentioned in this brochure may be changed. Please ask for current information from each hotel when making reservation.)

Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen

Amnat Charoen Hotel (อำนวยการเจริญ ไฮเต็ล) 288/267 Wichitsin Road, Tel. 0 4545 1092. 20 rooms: 120-200 Baht.

Ban Suan Fa Sai (บ้านสวนฟ้าใส) 479 Mu 12 Samran Rat Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4551 2022, 08 6668 7073. 11 rooms: 400-450 Baht.

Chit Sakon Resort (ชิตสกนธ์ รีสอร์ท) 40 Mu 14 Amnat Charoen-Khammarat Road Tambon Bung, Beside Phuttha Utthayan Souvenir, Tel. 0 4551 1500, 0 4545 2353, www.chitsakonflow-erland.com. 12 houses: 400-1,200 Baht.

Chit Sakon Park View (ชิตสกนธ์ ปาร์ควิว) 129 Arun Prasot Road, 19 rooms: 250-400 Baht.

Fai Khit (ฝ้ายขีด) 449 Mu 12 Soi Samran Rat, Arun Prasot Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4551 1222, 0 4551 1888, Fax: 0 4551 1999 www.fai-kidhotel.net . 59 rooms: 600-2,200 Baht.

Hotline Inn Resort (ฮอตไลน์ อินน์ รีสอร์ท) 69/1-5 Mu 5 Chayangkun Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4527 0222, 0 4527 0320, 0 4527 1010, 08 1966 1086, Fax. 0 4527 0223, E-mail: charoenratwir-inda@hotmail.com. 32 rooms: 300-1,000 Baht.

Ming Mueang Mansion (มิ่งเมือง แมนชั่น) 121-121/1 Mu 12 Tambon Bung, Tel. 08 1718 3669, 08 8126 0261. 20 rooms: 600-800 Baht.

LJ The Emerald (แอล เจ ดี เอ็มเมอร์ล) 904 Arun Prasot Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4527 1000, 0 4527 0999. 46 rooms: 600-2,000 Baht.

Lilawadi Resort (ลีลาวดี รีสอร์ท) 87 Mu 2 Tambon Bung, Tel. 08 9722 0174. 15 rooms: 350 Baht.

Loet Wichit (เลิศวิจิตร) 766 Mu 1 Arun Prasot Road, Tel. 0 4551 1892, 0 4545 1627. 34 rooms: 200-350 Baht.

Rap Khwan Resort (รับขวัญ รีสอร์ท) Beside Phuttha Utthayan Souvenir 149 Mu 5 Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4527 0226. 14 rooms: 200-400 Baht.

Sik Saek Boutique Resort (ซิกแซก บูติก รีสอร์ท) 525 Mu 12 Arun Prasot Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4551 1522, 08 6777 7328. 10 rooms: 450 Baht.

Suan Nam Nantharat (สวนน่านนันทรัตน์) 67 Mu 8 Chayangkun Road, Tel. 0 4527 0242, 0 4545 3003. 15 rooms: 300-800 Baht.

Amphoe Chanuman

Bai Toei Bai Tong (ใบเตย ใบตอง) 249 Mu 8 Ban Si Sombun, Tambon Chanuman, Tel. 08 1616 8985. 5 houses: 200-300 Baht.

Ban Rai Rim Khong Resort (บ้านไร่ริมโขง รีสอร์ท) 212 Mu 8 Tambon Chanuman, Tel. 08 5013 6502. 5 rooms: 300-450 Baht.

Chom Tawan Resort (ชมตะวัน รีสอร์ท) Ban Non Samran, Tambon Chanuman, Tel. 08 4961 9120. 7 rooms: 250-300 Baht.

Rabiang Rim Nam Rerort (ระเบียบริมน้ำ รีสอร์ท) 113 Mu 9 Tambon Chanuman, Tel. 08 9628 0839, 08 0333 5114, 08 7874 9004. 5 houses: 400 Baht.

Restaurants

Amphoe Mueang Amnat Charoen

Hia Uan (เฮียอ้วน) 767/2 Mu 9 Chayangkun Road, Tel. 0 4545 1350, 0 4551 1300.

Khrua Thong (ครัวทอง) 616/1 Mu 9 Tambon Bung, Tel. 08 1760 7792, 08 9281 4953.



Dong Ling Don Chaopu Park



อุทยานดงลิงดอนเจ้าปู่



Khrua Ton Khao (ครัวต้นข้าว) 42/5-6 Mu 6
Tambon Bung, Tel. 08 9120 4111.

Lap Kai (ลาบไก) 186 Mu 1 Chayangkun Road,
Tambon Non Nam Thaeng, Tel. 0 4551 6284,
08 1470 6384.

Phaen Din Thong Farm Fishing Park
(แผ่นดินทองฟาร์ม ฟิชซิ่งปาร์ค) 179/5 Ban Khok
Khai, Tambon Kai Dam, Tel. 0 4545 1218, 08
1876 5063.

Plueak Mai (เปลือกไม้) 32 Mu 18 Arun Praseot
Road, Tambon Bung, Tel. 0 4545 1310.

Sin Charoen Phon (สินเจริญผล) 288/30
Chayangkun Road, Tel. 0 4545 1130.

Somtarn Renu (ส้มตำเรณู) 24 Mu 8 Chayang-
kun Road, Tel. 0 4545 1721, 08 1053 0151.

Suan Ahan Rin (สวนอาหารริน) 136 Chayangkun
Road, Tel. 0 4527 0220 (Local Food).

Sung Pla Buek (ซวงปลาบึก) 344-348 Udom
Roek, Tel. 0 4545 1361.

Amphoe Hua Taphan

Kan-eng Kuaichap (กันเอง ก้วยจ๊ับ) 50/1
Khamin – Nam Plik, Tambon Rattana Wari, Tel.
08 1927 4054.

USEFUL CALLS

Provincial Public Relations Office	Tel. 0 4551 1396
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Amnat Charoen Hospital	Tel. 0 4551 1940-8
Provincial Police Office	Tel. 0 4551 2007
Tourist Police	Tel. 1155
Highway Police	Tel. 1193



แผนที่ตัวเมืองอำนาจเจริญ AMNAT CHAROEN CITY MAP



โรงแรม Hotel

- 1 โรงแรมฝ้ายขิด Fai Khit Hotel
- 2 อำนาจเจริญไฮเต็ล Amnat Charoen Hotel
- 3 โรงแรมเลิศวิจิตร Loet Wichit Hotel
- 4 โรงแรมแอล เจ ดี เอ็มเออร์ดี L J The Emerald Hotel

วัด Temple (Wat)

- 1 วัดเทพมงคล Wat Thep Mongkhon
- 2 วัดสำราญนิเวศ Wat Samran Niwet
- 3 วัดสระเกษ Wat Saket
- 4 วัดอำนาจเจริญ Wat Amnat Charoen
- 5 วัดบ้านหนองแซง Wat Ban Nong Saeng

โรงพยาบาล Hospital

- 1 โรงพยาบาลอำนาจเจริญ Amnat Charoen Hospital
- 2 โรงพยาบาลชมะโชติ Chamachot Hospital

ตลาด Market

- 1 ตลาดวิชิตสิน Wichitsin Market
- 2 ตลาดสดเทศบาล 2 Thetsaban 2 Market
- 3 ตลาดเทศบาล Thetsaban Market

สถานที่สำคัญ Place of Interest

- 1 ศาลจังหวัดอำนาจเจริญ Amnat Charoen Law Court
- 2 ที่ว่าการอำเภอเมืองอำนาจเจริญ Amphoe Muang Amnat Charoen Office

สถานที่ท่องเที่ยว Tourist Attraction

- 1 สวนมิ่งเมืองเฉลิมพระเกียรติ Ming Mueang Chaloem Phrakiat Park
- 2 สวนสาธารณะมิ่งมงคล Ming Mongkhon Park

ร้านอาหาร Restaurant

- 1 ร้านอาหารครัวทอง Khrua Thong Restaurant

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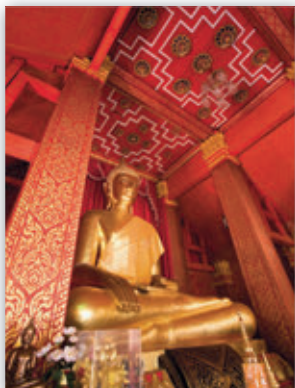
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